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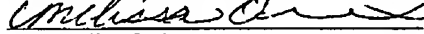
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re the application of |) | |
| |) | Group Art Unit: 2652 |
| Gill et al. |) | |
| |) | Examiner: KLIMOWICZ, |
| Application No. 10/041,786 |) | William Joseph |
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| Filed: 01/07/2002 |) | Attorney Docket No. |
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| For: SHIELDED EXTRAORDINARY |) | |
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AMENDMENT D

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 19, 2004, please enter the following amendments believed to place the claims in condition for allowance.

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